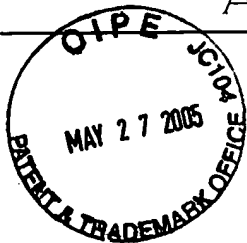


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Filed: January 11, 1999  
Title: Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis,  
Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related  
Disorders  
Applicants: NGUYEN *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. an Amendment and Reply;
2. a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent;
3. an Interview Summary;
4. a Petition for Extension of Time; and
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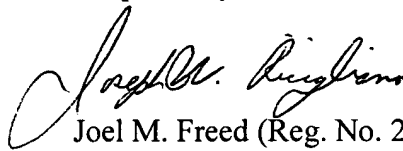
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Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387  
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\$ <u>130.00</u>	Terminal Disclaimer fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the one month extension of time (\$120.00) and the Terminal Disclaimer (\$130.00), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16491.066. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures



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**Interview Summary**

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Sir:

In response to the Interview of April 26, 2005, Applicants representative submits the following summary.

Telephonic Interview, in Attendance:

Assistant Examiner: James D. Schultz

Supervisory Patent Examiner: Andrew Wang

Registered Patent Agent: Joseph W. Ricigliano

1) Exhibits: None

2) Claims Discussed: 144-174.

3) Cited Art Discussed: None

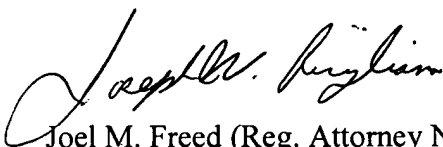
4) Amendments discussed: None

5) Summary: Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed the election/restriction, the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102, 112 and 132, and the possible allowance of claims 145, 148-150, 154, 156, 161, and 165-174.

6) Other Matters: The filing of a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

7) General Result: The Examiners indicated that they would be amenable to the withdrawal of the remaining rejections and objections, and would permit the application to pass to allowance, provided that the claims rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 were cancelled and a suitable terminal disclaimer was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Ricigliano".

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